Our promise is to help you look at all your options and support YOUR choice.

All of our services are free for expecting parents.

Dealing with an unplanned pregnancy can feel overwhelming but you don’t have to face it alone. Contact us 24/7 on Facebook, at www.CarolinaAdoption.org, or reach out to Anna Hull at 336-275-9660 AHull@CarolinaAdoption.org.

Let us help you by:

- Walking you through the adoption process throughout your pregnancy and after the baby is born.
- Informing you of your rights as a biological parent and providing information about the adoption.
- Finding prenatal care and meeting immediate needs.
- Introducing you to several loving families who are ready to adopt and helping you choose the best fit.
- Assisting you with finding other solutions if you do not choose to pursue adoption.

Our commitment is to offer personal services and plenty of resources to ensure you are educated, prepared, and feel confident about your choices, whatever they may be. We look forward to working with you on your journey.
At Carolina Adoption Services, we have many caring professionals who have been touched by adoption in various ways. We know that making an adoption plan is not an easy choice, and we can help you during your pregnancy, after the child is born, and even years later, if you feel you need support around this important decision.

**Discussing Your Options**

Now that you have made a decision to look into adoption, your first step will be to discuss all of your options with one of our caring professionals. Our job is to help you make the decision that is best for you, both now and in the long term. We will provide you with information about adoption and your rights, and about what to expect throughout the adoption process. By asking questions, you are showing us that you are already thinking about what is best for your baby.

**Your Choice**

Our promise to you is that no matter what path you choose to follow, we will support your choice. You are under no obligation and we sincerely want to help you to make the decision that is best for you. We will go over your legal rights as an expectant mother and make sure that you fully understand the adoption process. Adoption is a choice and we want to make sure that you feel confident in your decision.
The Adoption Process

Once you decide to make an adoption plan, we will spend some time getting to know you, assessing your current needs, and learning about the type of family you envision for your child. Based on your preferences, we will seek to present you with several families who want to adopt. Each family creates an adoption book that talks about their life and dreams of adoption and you will be able to use that to help you make a decision on who you want to parent your child. You will have the opportunity to meet the family personally and begin getting to know them. Once you have given birth, you will sign the paperwork consenting to place your child for adoption. In North Carolina, you have seven days after your have signed the papers to revoke your decision. After those seven days, the family will be able to move forward with the adoption and will complete the final court processes. This normally takes between three and six months and then the adoption will be complete.

Your Pregnancy

We will be there to support you throughout your pregnancy and as you prepare for your adoption. You will be assigned a worker who will help you find resources for any needs you may have, check on you on a regular basis, and be available to answer any questions or concerns. She will also work with you to develop a birth plan for the hospital and help you consider what kind of contact you want to have with the adoptive family after the adoption. We believe adoption is a life-long journey, and we are committed to advocating for the best experience for each member of the adoption process: you, the adoptive family, and the child.

After Birth

After you give birth and have signed papers consenting to the adoption, we will develop a plan for your next steps. In North Carolina, we can continue to provide financial support to you for up to six weeks after you give birth.

Do you have dreams and goals that we can help you begin putting in place? We are here to help you develop a plan for success. Our commitment is to support you in your future, whether it’s a month, a year, or a decade down the line.
Carolina Adoption Services gets calls and emails from families across North Carolina who are searching for a special child to complete their family. Sometimes they have been trying to get pregnant for years, and have not been successful. Other times, they already have a child or children, but for various reasons, have decided they want to bring another child into their family through adoption. Some parents adopt older children, or children living in orphanages in other countries. But many times, parents long to have a newborn baby, and so they join our CHOICES Program, hoping that an expectant mother will pick them to adopt her child.

Our Screening Process

Not just anyone can adopt a child. We have a very long and strict screening process. We want to make sure the adoptive parents are safe, loving, good people before we will approve their application to adopt from our programs.

First, the adoptive parents have to complete what is known as the Home Study Process. During this time, they have several interviews with our professional Adoption Workers, write an essay about their lives and give us at least five references. We inspect their home, and get proof of stable employment and sufficient finances. We check to see if they have criminal backgrounds, and also check to see if they have ever been involved with DSS or have a history of abuse or neglect. We ask about relationships with their own extended family members and childhood and talk about their religion, education, work history, parenting philosophy, and their hobbies and interests. We require medical checks by their doctors to be sure they are mentally and physically healthy.

All this takes a few months, and in the end they have a Home Study that we use to determine whether we can approve them for adoption.
Our Matching Process

After potential adoptive parents have completed their home study and have been approved by Carolina Adoption Services, they have to put together an Adoption Book to introduce themselves to expecting mothers like you. They will explain why they want to adopt a baby. Every family is different, and these books allow you to learn about them and help you decide if they will be a good match for your family. We count on you to look through these portfolios so you can choose which family seems like the best match for you. It is important to make the right match between you and the adoptive family, so the child grows up with two loving families who work together to provide the best childhood and future for that child.

Getting to Know the Adoptive Family

Once you are confident in your decision to pursue adoption and have chosen an adoptive family, you then have the opportunity to meet them and start getting to know them, if you choose. While we encourage expectant families to consider meeting the family they have chosen, it is not required and will be your choice.

Many of our adoptive families are open to meeting and getting to know you during your pregnancy. This can look like a one-time visit or may involve ongoing visits or conversations throughout your pregnancy. During this time, you can share information about your life and learn about theirs; ask questions and give them opportunities to ask theirs. You can also use this time to develop a plan for the birth and to discuss what kind of post-adoption contact you would like to have.

If you would prefer not to meet or have anymore information about the adoptive parents once you have made your selection, or at any point in the process, we will support your decision as well.
Resources

Pregnancy Resources

Center for Women’s Healthcare
336-389-9898 | 802 Green Valley Rd #200, Greensboro, NC 27408
Place to receive regular prenatal care.

Guilford County Maternity Services
336-641-3245
http://www.myguilford.com/humanservices/health/adult-health-services/maternity-services/
Prenatal care resources.

Guilford County Partnership for Children
336-274-5437 | http://www.guilfordchildren.org/families/healthy-pregnancy/
Resources for preparing for your pregnancy and ways to find the information that you need.

Greensboro Pregnancy Care Center
336-274-4881 | https://gsocarecenter.org/
Testing and resources for expectant mothers.

Planned Parenthood
336-373-0678 | https://www.plannedparenthood.org/
Care and resources for a variety of services.

Housing, Food, Employment Resources

Center of Hope (Salvation Army)
336-235-0348 | 1311 Eugene St., Greensboro, NC
Housing Assistance.

Family Services of the Piedmont
Greensboro 336-273-7273 | High Point 336-889-7273
Mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, and parenting resources.

Greensboro Housing Coalition
336-691-9521 | 1031 Summit Ave, Suite 1E-2, Greensboro, NC 27405
Free housing counseling assistance.

Greensboro Urban Ministry
336-271-5959 | http://greensborourbanministry.org/
Help with housing, emergency assistance, and more.

Interactive Resource Center
336-332-0824 | http://interactiveresourcecenter.org/
Resources for preparing for your pregnancy and ways to find the information that you need.

Step Up Greensboro
336-676-5871 | 707 N. Greene St, Greensboro, NC 27401
Job readiness training.

Social Security Administration
800-772-1213 | 6005 Landmark Center Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27407
Resources for obtaining social security benefits and more.
UNITED WAY (211)
919-834-5200 | HTTP://WWW.UNITEDWAYNC.ORG/NC211
Resources for finding assistance for things such as healthcare and more.

WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER
336-275-6090 | HTTP://WWW.WOMENSCENTERGSO.ORG/
Wide variety of resources and programs.

YWCA
336-273-3461 | HTTP://YWCA.GSONC.ORG/ABOUT/
Resources for finding assistance for things such as healthcare and more.

ADOPTION RESOURCES
A GUIDE TO ADOPTION LAW FOR NC BIRTH MOTHERS
HTTPS://WWW.SOG.UNC.EDU/SITES/WWW.SOG.UNC.EDU/FIES/COURSE_MATERIALS/A%20GUIDE%20TO%20ADOPTION%20LAW%20FOR%20NORTH%20CAROLINA%20BIRTH%20MOTHERS.PDF
Understanding your rights in North Carolina.

CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION GATEWAY
HTTPS://WWW.CHILDWELFARE.GOV/PUBPDFS/F_PREGNA.PDF
Help for considering your options and better understanding adoption.

CONSIDERING ADOPTION
1-800-236-7846 | HTTPS://CONSIDERINGADOPTION.COM
Information for better understanding the adoption process.

BLOGS AND ONLINE RESOURCES
BUILDING UP BIRTH MOTHERS
HTTP://BUILDINGUPBIRTHMOTHERS.BLOGSPOT.COM/
A blog kept by a birth mother who made an adoption plan for her child over 20 years ago.

BIRTH MOM BUDS
HTTP://BIRTHMOM-BUDS.BLOGSPOT.COM/
An organization and website that provides peer counseling, support, encouragement, and friendship to pregnant women considering adoption as well as women who have already placed children for adoption.

BIRTH MOTHER BRIDGE MINISTRIES
HTTP://WWW.BIRTHMOTHERBRIDGEMINISTRIES.COM/
This organization hosts retreats to support birth mothers.

BOOKS
GIVEN IN LOVE: FOR MOTHERS WHO ARE CHOOSING AN ADOPTION PLAN
Maureen Connelly

THE THIRD CHOICE: A WOMAN’S GUIDE FOR PLACING A CHILD FOR ADOPTION
Leslie Foge and Gail Mosconi

HEART OF A BIRTHMOM: A DEVOTATIONAL GUIDE FOR BIRTHMOTHERS
Terri Gake

ADOPTION AND LOSS: THE HIDDEN GRIEF
Evelyn Robinson

BIRTHBOND: REUNIONS BETWEEN BIRTHPARENTS AND ADOPTEES, WHAT HAPPENS AFTER
Judith S. Gediman and Linda P. Brown
You are not alone.

Creating hope and opportunities unites expectant and adoptive families.

Contact Carolina Adoption Services to learn more. 336-275-9660